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The Bombay Prevention of Fragmentation
and Consolidation of Holdings Act,
1947.

GOVERNMENT OF MAHARASHTRA,
Revenue & Forests Department,
Circular No. CON. 4179/8373/1221-L1,
Mantralaya, Bombay-400032, 27th February 1979.

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Recently it has been brought to the notice of Government that though in many villages in Beed District the work of Consolidation of Holdings has been completed actual transfer of lands resulting from such consolidation has not been effected. Now according to the Bombay Prevention of Fragmentation and Consolidation of Holdings Act, 1947 and Rules, standing orders thereunder after confirmation of the Scheme of Consolidation of Holdings under section 20 of the Bombay Prevention of Fragmentation and Consolidation of Holdings Act, 1947 the scheme is to be published by a Notification in the Government Gazette as required under section 21 of the said Act. From the commencement of the agriculture year next following the date of publication of the final scheme the Consolidation Officer is to put the owners in possession of the holdings to which they are entitled under the Scheme. Thereafter he is to grant a certificate prescribed in Form VI under the Bombay Prevention of Fragmentation and Consolidation of Holdings Rules, 1959 duly registered under the Indian Registration Act, 1908 to each of the owners to the effect that the holding has been transferred to him in pursuance of the Scheme. He is then required to cause to be prepared a new record of rights in respect of the holdings so transferred in the manner laid down in sections 148 to 159 of the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966. A number of complaints have been received by Government to the effect that though the work of Consolidation of Holdings has been completed in many villages of Beed district the actual transfer of holdings resulting from such Consolidation Scheme has not been effected and the Record of Rights have also not been corrected accordingly.

2. If timely action is not taken according to the above procedure and changes in the possession of the holdings due to Consolidation Scheme are not effected in the Record of Rights, the very purpose of

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the Consolidation Scheme will not be served.

3. Government is therefore pleased to direct that as soon as the Consolidation Scheme is completed in all respects the Consolidation Officer should invariably submit a certificate to the Settlement Commissioner to the effect that he has put all the owners into possession of their respective holdings allotted to them in the confirmed Scheme, that the certificates prescribed in Form VI under the Bombay Prevention of Fragmentation and Consolidation of Holdings Rules 1959 have been given to them in pursuance of the Scheme and that a new Record of Rights has been prepared and corrected by him in respect of the holdings involved in the Scheme according to the provisions contained in the Maharashtra Land Revenue Code, 1966.

4. All Consolidation Officers should also be cautioned that any failure to observe the above requirement will be taken serious note of by Government.

By order and in the name of the Governor of Maharashtra,

(S.P. Joshi)
(S.P. Joshi),
Under Secretary to Government,
Revenue & Forests Department.

To

✓ The Settlement Commissioner & Director of Land Records,
Maharashtra State, Pune,

All Commissioners of the Divisions,

All Collectors of the Districts,

Deputy Directors of Land Records, Bombay, Pune, Nagpur and Aurangabad,

All Consolidation Officers,

All Assistant Consolidation Officers,

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